

BELGIUM WILL NOT ACCEPT PEACE EXCEPT WITH ALLIES

Entente Diplomats Declare There Is No Possibility of Separate Settlement With Any Warring Power.

German "Feelings" Directed Toward Russia and France, Now Toward Belgium—But They Will Be Futile.

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If a separate peace is offered by Germany to Belgium, the proposal will be rejected by both Belgium and her allies.

That such an offer may be made, as has been intimated in German diplomatic circles, is regarded by allied diplomats as quite possible. They do not consider the suggestion as at all preposterous. Rather, they point out that it would be quite characteristic of German procedure to propose restoration of Belgian neutrality, now that there is nothing for Germany to gain by continuing to violate it.

In substance, the suggestion is that if Germany should offer peace and restoration to Belgium, Belgium would be glad to accept, while the allies could not object, for the restoration of Belgium has been one of their prime objects in the war.

THE GERMAN VIEW.

There is in the German view, no reason why Belgium should not accept and make a separate peace, because Belgium is not a signatory of the agreement among the other allies that no separate peace shall be concluded. The German view, according to the stories that have been put out, is that if Belgium were restored to neutrality and evacuated, it could not again be used as a military base, the big German force now required to be maintained there could be withdrawn and used elsewhere, and thus Germany would gain the advantage of depriving the allies of both a moral issue and a military opportunity.

But the allies have no notion that any such proposal will be taken seriously. From an authoritative diplomatic source, reflecting the sentiment of the anti-German powers, most positive assurance was secured on this point today. The statement, which for obvious reasons may not be quoted, may be paraphrased thus: Germany has for some months been putting out peace feeling, designed in part to start peace discussion while German military advantage is at its climax, and in part to breed disunion among the allied powers. Efforts at a separate peace with Russia were made a long time ago; France could doubtless get separate peace at an earlier date, but neither Russia nor France has been willing to listen. Now it is Belgium's turn to receive the suggestion. It is true that Belgium is not a signatory of the agreement against separate peace, but neither the King, the prime minister, nor the government, are expected to accept it.

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RELIEF FROM FLOOD IS EXPECTED SOON

Cessation of Rain Promises Relief in West. Where Heavy Damage Is Done.

A cessation of the rains in the West and colder weather for all sections of the country, forecast by the Weather Bureau, is expected to bring the floods now devastating the Mississippi valley, and Southwestern sections. The only rain last night, according to the North-west, and a cold wave, are expected to dry the sections. The only rain last night, according to the North-west, and a cold wave, are expected to dry the sections. The only rain last night, according to the North-west, and a cold wave, are expected to dry the sections.

WILSON'S TOUR IS DESPERATE MOVE TO SAVE DEFENSE PLAN

Chances for Re-election in November May Depend on Extent to Which He Can Arouse Public Support Now.

Democrats in Congress Completely Disorganized on Preparedness Question and President Must Act at Once.

In a desperate effort to save his national defense program from his party, President Wilson will go before the country, beginning this week, to carry to the people his appeal for support.

With the Democrats in Congress completely disorganized on the subject of preparedness, the President has been made to realize that unless he assumes an aggressive leadership in the fight, the one issue upon which the Administration has concentrated every effort in the present Congress will be lost, and that on the eve of a national election.

Emerging from the shell of seclusion that has surrounded him almost from the time he became President, Mr. Wilson will leave Washington next Friday to carry the fight into the Middle West. Subsequently there will be other trips. Upon the extent to which, by this means, he can arouse public support for his program, may depend his chances for re-election next November.

LIVELY SEASON DUE.

And with the prospect frequently held out of late, that he will be trailed by Bryan and Roosevelt, political observers in Washington are anticipating a lively season.

The fact that the President should have selected as the itinerary of his (Continued on Fourth Page.)

AEROPLANE RAIDS BRITISH EAST COAST

Drops Bombs in Kent, Killing One and Injuring Six Persons, London Reports.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—A hostile aeroplane appeared over the east coast of Kent at 1 o'clock this morning and dropped five bombs. It then made off to seaward.

The official report says one man was killed and two men, one woman and three children were injured slightly. Some damage to property was caused by fires.

Kent is a county in England forming the southeast extremity of Great Britain and adjoining the counties of Essex, Middlesex, Surrey and Sussex. It is bounded on the southeast by the Strait of Dover.

PRESIDENT AND BRIDE OFF HAMPTON ROADS

NORFOLK, Jan. 23.—The yacht Mayflower, with President and Mrs. Wilson on board, had not arrived in Hampton Roads up to noon today. The Mayflower, according to reports at Old Point, was only a few miles away, but her position was not given.

The Mayflower was in wireless communication with Washington and her sound was booming in "strong" at the government stations here, indicating that she was not far away.

At Old Point it is said it is extremely doubtful that the President will come ashore and it is also said that the Mayflower may not come to Hampton Roads at all.

Members of Ford Party Due to Land Tomorrow
NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—A wireless message from the Norwegian-American "Blue Bird" fleet to the office of the New York State Department of Marine and Fisheries announced that the Ford peace party was aboard.

Mrs. Mohr, Scorned by Her Husband, Awaits Fate Unmoved by Stories That She Prompted His Murder

Before Many Hours Frail Widow Who Stands On Brink of Social Outlawry Will Know Whether Jury Believes Her Colored Accusers' Version of Crime.

ALL NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY SHOCKED

PROVIDENCE, Jan. 23.—Unobtrusively—almost casually—a frail, sorrow-worn little woman is moving through the ramifications of the most extraordinary murder trial which has ever shaken staid old New England to its social foundations.

Perhaps within the next few days, the foreman of a "jury of her peers" will stand before her and from his lips she will learn whether the law will demand that she be shut for life from her fellow-men—the penalty which will be exacted is she is convicted, as charged, of having instigated the murder of her husband.

Beside her in the court room sit two negroes, Henry Spellman, a chore boy, and Cecil Victor Brown, a hostler. They, a relentless prosecution charges, at her bidding, killed their employer for a Judas price. Their guilt, the prosecution charges, was once confessed, then denied.

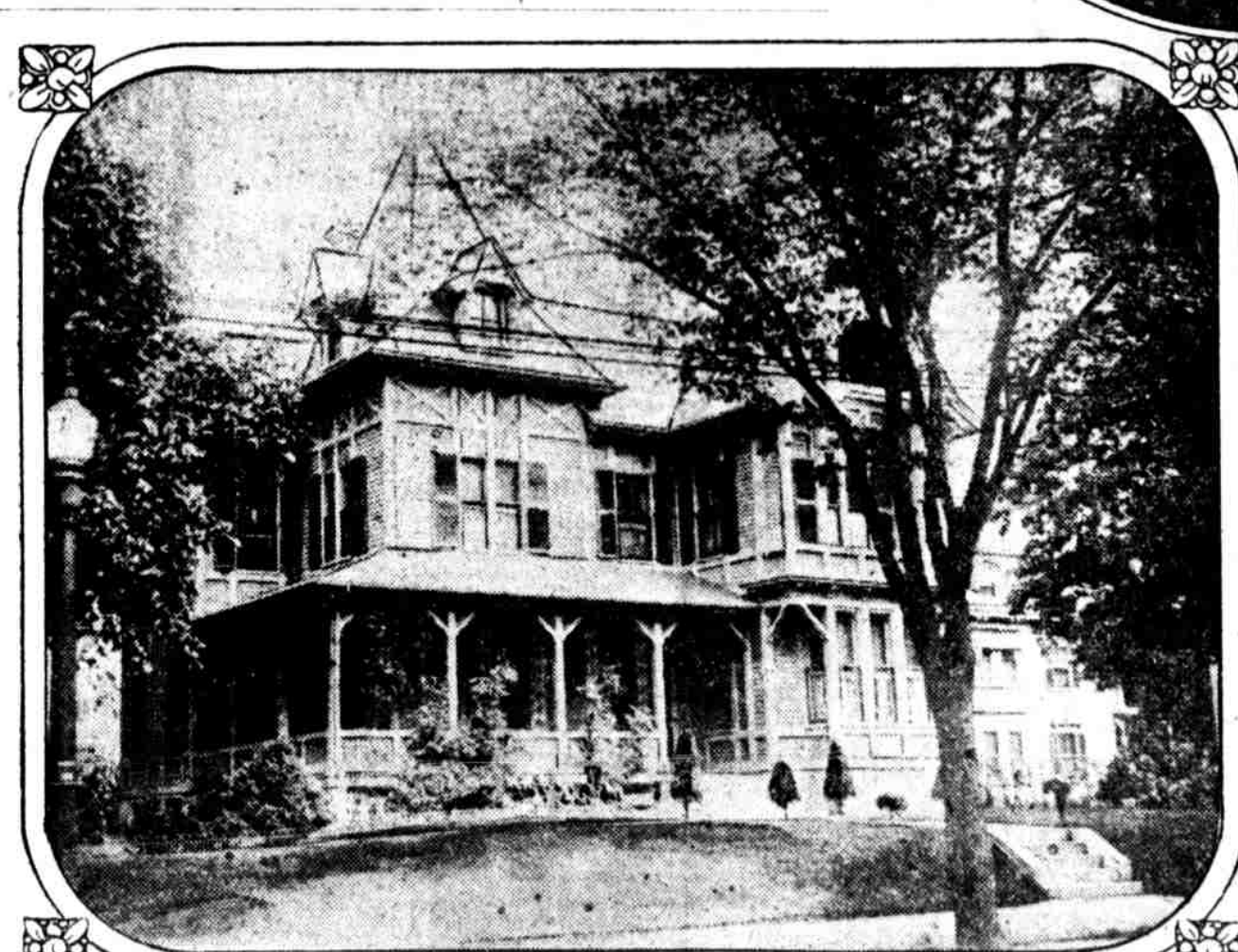
It was on the night of August 31 last, it is charged, that they waylaid Dr. C. Franklin Mohr, and shot him to death as he sat in his automobile on the Barrington-Navy road with the Other Woman, Emily Burger, at his side.

George W. Healis, negro chauffeur of the "death car," has testified in open court of the alleged pact which the State relies upon to bind the net closely about the accused widow.

For weeks past the sordid undercurrents, set in motion by the evidence of the chauffeur, the hostler, and the chore boy, have been swirling about her as she sits, the central and yet in many ways the most negative figure in the trial, holding fast to the one thing which may drag her from the pit which has opened beneath her feet—the reluctance of white men to convict a white woman on the testimony of men of another race.

Yet whether the tide of evidence rises sufficiently high to engulf her, or whether, satisfied with the blood guilt of the actual assassins, it recedes and leaves to her the doubtful comfort of acquittal, Elizabeth Blair Mohr will forever stand out a strange, incomprehensible figure in the annals of Eternal Triangles.

Much has been written anent the fury of a woman scorned.



Above: Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr. Below: The Mohr Home in Reservoir avenue, Providence.



Arthur Cushing, Widow's Attorney.

More has been graven on the tablets of divorce concerning the plain wives of fascinating and philandering husbands. Yet never has there been drawn a picture which is the parallel of that presented by this physically commonplace and almost unprepossessing little woman, who has been found to be a creature of unusual contradictions and rare complexities.

The society of Providence and Newport, into which the dollars of doubtful lineage amassed by her husband in practice bought her way, Elizabeth Blair Mohr merely as one of the thousands of neglected wives of now-a-day domestic infelicity, until that fateful morning on September 2 when she was haled from her home accused as an accessory to an exceptionally brutal murder.

Knowing that her husband's friendships with other women were being carried on without effort at concealment, and knowing that her friends and neighbors knew, Elizabeth Blair Mohr, upon the surface at least, before the killing of her husband, moved in an unruffled society existence, spending her time in caring for her children and in aiding the charitable efforts of the St. Vincent de Paul home.

Then her friends began to tell her of her husband's indiscretions, for fear she had been too blind to discern her own shame; so that afterward they came to know her as a courteous, cultured gentlewoman, facing bravely an intolerable domestic tragedy for the sake of her little boy and girl, and her religion.

Today, outwardly, save for a pallor like that which follows on the

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TWO MEXICANS ARE EXECUTED FOR MURDER OF AMERICAN

Summary Punishment Meted Out to Cattle Rustlers Who Killed Bert Akers Near Juarez Last Friday.

United States Patrol Fire on Carranza Soldiers When They Try to Cross Border, Killing One.

EL PASO, Jan. 23.—Swift punishment was meted out to the Mexican cattle rustlers who murdered Bert Akers Friday afternoon, twelve miles east of Juarez, at the Mexican village of San Lorenzo, according to Gen. Gabriel Gavira, commander of the Juarez garrison.

According to General Gavira, Bernardo and Federico Duran, the men who confessed to the killing, were executed at 5 o'clock this morning in Juarez. The execution, he said, took place at the Juarez Cemetery.

The Duran brothers, who were natives of New Mexico, had been in the Juarez jail since the night of the killing. Instead of letting the civil courts handle the affair, General Gavira presented the testimony in the case to a military tribunal yesterday afternoon and the verdict was death for the two men.

APPROVED BY JUDGE.

Before the verdict was returned, the Juarez judge of letters, the civil authority who ordinarily would have handled the case, was given an opportunity to read the testimony. He approved the judgment of the military court.

A regulation military execution squad sent the murderers to their doom in the fashion approved at El Paso. Hanging is unknown in the Mexican republic, and a man sentenced to death is invariably shot.

It is believed that this summary action will put an effective end to the depredations in this section by cattle rustlers from the other side of the border.

A United States patrol, on two Carranza soldiers as the Mexicans attempted to cross the international line near here last night.

One Mexican is reported to have been killed.

Belmont, Long and Harbois, of the 88th Infantry, who shot the shooting, claim the Mexicans planned to come through the border, and were ordered not to cross. It is reported the Mexicans were armed with revolvers, and one was shot dead after a struggle. The other was taken across the boundary.

Det. Capt. John J. Harbois, commander of the 88th Infantry, has begun an investigation of the shooting. Gen. Gabriel Gavira, commander of the Juarez garrison, is expected to make a formal report to the President.

At the same time, Gavira has ordered his men to keep a close watch on the border. He has also ordered the American people to be on their guard.

Villa Denies Guilt.

Villa declared he took no part in the massacre and was innocent of it until afterward.

"In order to show my innocence in this crime," Villa said, "I declare myself personally to acquit the punishment of those responsible. Whether they have been summarily or by court or not, I will punish them."

"General Villa said he had about 400 men," said Belmont. "He is far from being defeated. He is as optimistic as ever, but such reports as that he is responsible for the Santa Ysabel massacre displease him. He has no ill feeling against the American people, although he is not personally friendly toward the government for its recognition of Carranza."

Was Not the Man.

Douglas Downs, survivor of the attack by Mexican cattle rustlers in which his companion, Akers, was killed Friday, declares that he went to Juarez yesterday afternoon and saw Bernardo Duran, the man said to have confessed the killing, and that Duran was not the man who pursued him and Akers.

Carranza Consul Garcia declares uniformed Carranza soldiers did not take part in the attack on the two Americans.

In the attack on Akers, Mexican Policeman Barrios, who had been commissioned by the Juarez authorities to aid the Americans in search for stolen cattle, was shot in the breast and seriously injured.

Akers' body was transferred from Juarez to El Paso yesterday on the demand of Z. L. Cobb, collector of customs.

United States Consul Thomas D. Edwards, of Juarez, said he had instructed

FIVE YOUTHS HELD IN DEATH OF PEED

John D. Chestnut Is Refused Bail Following Fatal Accident in Automobile.

Three more arrests, making five in all, were made by the police of the Second precinct today in connection with the death of John R. Peed, twenty-three years old, at the Lincoln Hospital last night as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident early yesterday.

John D. Chestnut, of 557 Holmead place northwest, who the police say was driving the machine and Samuel Tucker, twenty-four, of 1336 Girard street northwest, were arrested shortly after Peed's death last night, while Kenneth B. Collins, eighteen, of 125 Lammont street, John Hancock, nineteen, of 115 Howard street, and Thomas J. Whiting, eighteen, of 125 Girard street northwest, were taken into custody today.

JEWEL HUNT IN FIRE RUINS AT WINTHROP

Seventeen Thousand Dollars in Cash and Gems Lost in Apartment Blaze.

BOSTON, Jan. 23.—Fifteen thousand dollars in cash and \$2,000 worth of jewelry, said to belong to Mrs. John McKenna, of Philadelphia, are being searched for today by the police in the ruins of an eight-family apartment block.

This block and a score of wooden cottages were destroyed in Winthrop early today by a fire believed to have been incendiary. At one time the entire town was supposed to have been doomed.

Mrs. McKenna was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rowe at the wedding of an army lieutenant at Fort Banks. When the fire started the money and jewels were in a tin box and it is possible that they may be found in the ruins.